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4. IN ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT OF THE KPM AFFAIR, THE AUTHORS OF THE PAPER STRONGLY IMPLY THAT GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ LIED BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, AND THAT A HITHERTO UNKNOWN DEPOSITION GIVEN BY ONE OF THE SCANDAL'S CENTRAL FIGURES, DIETER SCHWAEBEL, SUPPOSEDLY NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF A BERLIN LAWYER, WOULD PROVE THIS. A CDU MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE HAS TOLD A MISSION OFFICER, HOWEVER THAT SCHWEBEL DENIED TO THE CDU CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ALLEGED DOCUMENT EXISTS. (THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE MEMBER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHETHER ADDITIONAL PROOF IS FORTHCOMING OR NOT, HE, AND APPARENTLY THE OTHER CDU MEMBERS OF THE KPM INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, ARE CONVINCED THAT SCHUETZ PERJURED HIMSELF BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WHEN HE DENIED THAT HE HAD ANY DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMPROPER HANDLING OF KPM'S PERSONNEL PROBLEMS PRIOR TO MARCH 1976.)

5. COMMENT: THE COMPLAINTS LEVELED AT SCHUETZ BY HIS ANONYMOUS ATTACKERS HAVE BEEN VOICED BEFORE,  
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ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT SO NEATLY TIED UP IN ONE PACKAGE. AS YET THE IDENTITY OF THE AUTHORS REMAINS A FAIRLY WELL KIEPT SECRET, AND IF THE SPD LEADERS KNOW WHO THEY ARE, THEY ARE NOT ABOUT TO REVEAL THE INFORMATION. CDU CONTACTS OF THE MISSION ARE HAPPILY TALKING ABOUT THE ESSAY (AND HAVE MADE A COPY OF IT AVAILABLE TO US). THE EXTENSIVE CDU FAMILIARITY WITH THE PAPER AND ITS CONTENTS IS ONE THING WHICH HAS LED SOME SPD MEMBERS TO SPECULATE THAT THE ESSAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN PART THE WORK OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY. WHOLE THE MISSION IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FINAL JUDGMENT ON THAT POINT, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE ESSAY

IS THE WORK OF DISSIDENTS WITHIN THE SPD WITH SOME CONNECTION WITH BRLIN'S UNIONS. WHATEVER THE VALIDITY OF THE COMPLAINTS AND ATTACKS DIRECTED AT THE GOVERNING MAYOR AND HIS SENAT, HOWEVER, ONE MUST AGREE THAT THE MANNER OF PRESENTATION UNDERCUT THE AUTHORS' CLAIM THAT THEY ARE MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PROVIDE A SOBER ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTY'S STATE OF AFFAIRS SO THAT AN INTERNAL RENEWAL CAN COME ABOUT. THE PUBLIC REACTION TO THIS LATEST ATTACK ON SHUETZ HAS BY NOW SOMEWHAT SUBSIDED. IT DEMONSTRATES ONECE AGAIN, HOWEVER, THE TROUBLED STATE OF BERLIN'S SPD, AND SHOWS THAT DESPITE THE RECENT PLEADINGS NOT ONLY OF SCHUETZ BUT ALSO OF CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT TO AVOID MAKING A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF TEARING ITSELF APART, BERLIN'S SPD APPEARS UNABLE TO RESIST ITS INSTINCT FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION. DAVIS

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